

REMARKS

I. Species Election Requirement

The Examiner required an election of species for the following (see page 3 of the restriction requirement):

- (1) a specific non-ionic, ionic, anionic, or cationic surface stabilizer; and
- (2) a single specific and disclosed water-soluble or poorly water soluble active agent.

In response, Applicants elect the surface stabilizer "polyvinyl pyrrolidone" and the active agent "meloxicam." Applicants make these species elections with traverse. Applicants traverse on the grounds that the search and examination of all of the species does not impose an undue burden upon the examiner. Moreover, the M.P.E.P. provides that a reasonable number of species can be searched in one application. Applicants presume that the species election is made to assist the Examiner in searching the invention, and that the Examiner will follow the procedures delineated in MPEP 809.02(c).

II. Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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